

ACP – 401 Certification

Staff are currently drafting individual 401 certification which will have conditions beyond those required by the national certification. These are similar to other individual certifications issued by DEQ.

Due to NCDEQ requiring an individual certification, the company had to address impacts on fish and mussels, including relocation plans as part of the individual 401 process. This would not have been required if we had simply gone with the federal 401 certification.

Pre- and post- well testing:

The company proposed to conduct well testing prior to construction within 150 feet of the pipeline and within 500 feet of any blasting, and to conduct post construction well testing only if there are complaints. The DEQ staff recommend that both pre- and post- well testing be required.

Ground Cover:

The company agreed to comply with NCG01 construction storm water permit conditions, even though a storm water permit is not normally required for utility lines. This will result in ground cover established within 7-14 days instead of the normal 21 day period.

The company will be required to monitor temporary impacts as part of the individual 401 certification.

The company is being required to supply data for drilling fluid additives which will be reviewed by DEQ for a toxicity evaluation.

The entire length of the pipeline in North Carolina is underground to minimize disruption to the natural environment that would have not been required under national certification.